

## The First Book of Samuel

16:1-13

And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

## Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul;**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil;**

**for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;**

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

5:8-14

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

## Gradual Hymn 547

*Marsh Chapel*

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to John

**9: 1-41**

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others *said*, He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he*. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called *Jesus* made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when *Jesus* made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was *Christ*, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age;

ask him. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for* this *fellow*, we know not from whence he is. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. *Jesus* heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And *Jesus* said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. And *Jesus* said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? *Jesus* said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

## A Time of Silent Reflection

## Prayers of the People

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*We especially pray in thanksgiving for those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer today: Russell, Cheryl and Christopher Duntz and for Courtney Duntz and Chris, Cole and Caleb Pavia and for their families.*

*We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Debbie Randall and Douglas Randall in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given this morning, and Margaret Brown Stratman, Taylor's grandmother, who died last week.*

## The Peace

## Announcements

**Thank Offering**

God of mercy and love, grant that these our children may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen.

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn WLP 727** *Woodslake*  
*WLP is the green hymnal in your pew*

**Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3** *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 333

**Holy, Holy, Holy: Hymnal S 113** John Merbecke  
(1510? - 1585?)

**The Lord's Prayer** pg. 336

**Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 157** John Merbecke  
(1510? - 1585?)

**Communion Hymn WLP 742** *Omni die*

**Communion Hymn 379** *Abbot's Leigh*

**Postcommunion Prayer** pg. 339

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 493** *Azmon*

**Postlude** Gevert

*The Altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Debbie Randall and Douglas Randall by Daniel DeLuca.*

**Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Ministers of Communion:* Carol Taylor and young people  
*Ushers:* Allen Berrien, Abe Soudan and young people  
*Lector:* Young people  
*Epistler:* Young people  
*Intercessor:* Young people  
*Counters:* Gordon Gustafson, Martha Nesbitt  
*Hospitality:* Team 3—Browning  
*Altar Guild:* Biz Rogers, Rachel Lamb  
*Flowers:* Joanne Grafe  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

**Announcements**

*We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion and invite you to ask for whichever chalice you prefer. If you are not able to eat wheat, please ask Pastor Heidi for a gluten free wafer.*

*April 1 & 2* Crescendo Concerts in Great Barrington and Kent  
Norman Rockwell and Alice Parker:  
Visions of America in Art and Song  
*Tues., April 4* 7:00 PM Book Group *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan  
*Sunday, Apr. 9* 10:30 Blessing of the Palms, Holy Eucharist with Palms and Procession  
Noon Vestry Meeting  
*Wednesday Apr. 12* Deadline for Easter flower memorials  
*Friday Apr 14* Noon Stations of the Cross  
7 PM Tenebrae Service at St. Mary's Lakeville  
*Saturday, April 15* 11:00 AM egg coloring in Walker Hall. Please Advise Terri if your young people will attend!  
7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter  
*Sunday, April 16* 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:30 Festival Eucharist  
11:30 Easter egg hunt for children  
12:00 Misa en Español  
*Sundays* 9:00 AM Bible Study: First Corinthians  
*Mondays* 7:00 PM Crescendo  
*Wednesdays* 8 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall.

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**The Word of God**

**Prelude** Gevert

**Processional Hymn 144** *Cornhill*

*Pastor* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People** His mercy endureth forever.

**Kyrie eleison Hymnal S 89** Verbum caro factum est H.L. Hassler  
Arr. James McGregor (b. 1930)

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy Spirit

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Trinity Vestry**

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